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TO : Legal Staff

DATE: 5 July 1950

FROM : Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates

SUBJECT: Request for postponement of Jury Duty for [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] D/GE, ORE, has been summoned for jury duty at the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Criminal Court No. 1. He appeared before Judge Pine of that Court at 9:45 a.m., 5 July 1950. Judge Pine selected [REDACTED] as an eligible juror, his duty to start 9:30 a.m., 6 July 1950, and to continue through 30 July 1950.

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2. It is necessary that [REDACTED] be excused from this tour of jury duty. He is directly connected with intelligence reports on the Korean situation and resulting implications of that situation. His division is working excessive overtime and providing twenty-four hour duty seven days per week. There is no person available to relieve him and trained to assume his duties during the current crisis.

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3. This Office requests that the Court be petitioned to excuse [REDACTED] from jury duty until such time as the international situation permits a relaxation of attention to the responsibilities which are peculiar to his duties.

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RECORDED: (1) Chief, Inspection & Security
 (2) General Counsel

SUBJECT: Excuse from Jury Duty.

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1. [REDACTED] of this office, has had served upon him a Summons of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, requiring his appearance in the criminal side of such court to serve as a juror during the term commencing 3 January 1950.

2. Pursuant to the Agency policy to encourage jury service wherever possible without serious interference with Agency operations, as enunciated in CIA Administrative Instruction No. 30-5/4 dated 8 November 1949, it has been the practice of this office to interpose no objection to jury service by OME personnel.

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3. In the present instance, however, [REDACTED] and his duty assignment to General Division, ORB, make it highly undesirable that he should publicly state his connection with the Agency, even in a court of law, and even if specific information is withheld as a security consideration. It is firmly believed that no [REDACTED] personnel should be subjected to public appearance and interrogation when such can be avoided.

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4. It is, therefore, requested that you intercede with appropriate officials of the above Court to the end that [REDACTED] may be excused from jury duty during his tenure of an [REDACTED] position in the Agency.

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THOMAS BABBITT
 Assistant Director
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Note on buckalip: Not sure subpoena action mentioned in par 3 of I&S memo is even theoretically possible. Do not consider it a practical consideration and consequently not a basis for excuse from jury duty.

cc: Chief, General Counsel

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